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R E P O R T

Of the Joint Committee on the subject of the Relinquishment of the Episcopal Charge of the Diocese of Ohio by the Right Rev. BISHOP CHASE.

NEW-YORK, OCTOBER 19, 1832.

"THE Joint Committee to whom was referred the Preamble and Resolution from the House of Bishops in relation to the relinquishment of the Episcopal charge of the Diocese of Ohio, by the Right Rev. Bishop Chase, beg leave respectfully to report—

"That they have had before them the Original Letter of the Right Rev. Bishop Chase, dated the 9th of September, 1831, and addressed to the Convention of the Diocese of Ohio, declaring his resignation of the Episcopate of the said Diocese; and also a certified copy of a Resolution of the Convention of Ohio accepting the said resignation.

"The Committee have also received satisfactory testimony, that previous to the 5th of September, 1832, the Right Rev. Bishop Chase had sold his estate in Ohio, and had purchased a tract of land in the Territory of Michigan; and that by his Attorney, B. M. Atherton, Esq., he had declared to the Trustees of Kenyon College, that he was no longer a resident of Ohio, but had fixed his domicil in Michigan. It also appeared by the testimony of Mr. Samuel Chase, that on the 19th of September last, the Bishop and his family passed through Cleaveland in Ohio, on their removal to the Michigan Territory. Without entering into the discussion of the abstract right of a Bishop to resign his Episcopal jurisdiction, and without considering the question as to what body such resignation should be tendered, the Committee beg leave to recommend to the Convention the adoption of the following resolution:—

"*Resolved*, That the Right Rev. Philander Chase, by his letter of resignation addressed to the Ohio Convention, and by his removal from that State to the Territory of Michigan, has effectually renounced and relinquished his Episcopal charge of the Diocese of Ohio, and that the Episcopacy of the said Diocese was in fact vacant previous to the 5th of September, 1832.

"All which is respectfully submitted.

"By order of the Committee.

"WILLIAM WHITE, *Chairman.*"

A true copy of the Report of the Committee.

(Attest.)

HENRY ANTHON,

Secretary of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

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